

MBTA SALARIES SOAR

The number of workers who are making at least \$100,000 climbed to the highest level seen in recent years. **Metro, 2.**

ASHBROOK’S REGRETS

The former “On Point” host says he feels terrible about losing his job for bullying and feels he’s ready to change. **Business, 10.**

FATALITY IN ROAD RAGE

A woman cut off by a car in Lowell followed the driver and shot him, then bragged about it on Facebook, police said. **Metro, 4.**



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HOLIDAY GREETING —
A family in New York City marked the first day of the Chinese New Year with confetti on Friday. Celebrations for the year of the dog will continue for two weeks.

Mueller charges 13 Russians, 3 companies

First indictment in probe of 2016 election meddling

By Matt Apuzzo and Sharon LaFraniere
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department charged 13 Russians and three companies on Friday in a sprawling indictment that unveiled a sophisticated network designed to subvert the 2016 election and to support the Trump campaign.

The Russians stole the identities of American citizens, posed as political activists, and used the flash points of immigration, religion, and race to manipulate a campaign in which those issues were already particularly divisive, prosecutors said.

Some of the Russians were also in contact with “unwitting individuals associated with the Trump campaign,” according to court papers. Robert Mueller, the special counsel leading the investigation, made no accusation that President Trump or his associates were knowingly part of

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Tower plan near harbor clears hurdle

Aquarium would get parking, compensation

By Tim Logan
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After a year of closed-door negotiations with developer Don Chiofaro and the New England Aquarium, city officials say it’s finally time to move forward with a skyscraper Chiofaro wants to build on the Boston Harbor Garage site.

The Boston Planning & Development Agency on Friday filed a plan with the state that should allow construction of a building as tall as 600 feet on a prime piece of waterfront land. It also requires Chiofaro Co. to set up a fund worth up to \$30 million to compensate the nearby New England Aquarium for business it might lose during construction and once the tower opens.

In addition, the developer would have to permanently set aside parking for aquarium visitors and earmark \$10 million for the aquarium’s proposed “Blue Way” open space on Central Wharf.

Chiofaro’s waterfront project would significantly alter the downtown skyline. The project — which at one point called for a pair of soaring

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Flowers and crosses covered a fence, part of a makeshift memorial near the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

FBI FAILED TO ACT ON TIP

Bureau was told by person close to suspect that he might conduct a school shooting

By Katie Benner, Patricia Mazzei and Adam Goldman
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The FBI received a tip last month from someone close to Nikolas Cruz that he owned a gun and had talked of committing a school shooting, the bureau revealed Friday, but it acknowledged that it had failed to investigate.

The tipster, who called an FBI hot line on Jan. 5, told the bureau that Cruz had a “desire to kill people, erratic behavior, and disturbing social media posts, as well as the potential of him conducting a school shooting,”

the FBI said.

The information should have been assessed and forwarded to the Miami FBI field office, the bureau said. But that never happened. On Wednesday, Cruz, 19, killed 17 students and teachers at his former high school in Parkland, Fla., law enforcement officials said.

The tip about Cruz appeared to be the second in four months, after another person told the bureau about online comments from Cruz that he wanted to become “a professional school shooter.”

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President Trump and his wife, Melania, met Friday with doctors at Broward Health North Hospital.

Shopping for a better way

Grocery stores turn to technology to keep customers

By Janelle Nanos
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Grocery shopping has not changed much over the past 100 years.

Since Piggly Wiggly introduced the concept of picking out your own groceries in the 1930s, few technological advancements have stood out. The first shopping cart came along in 1937, and self-checkout was introduced more than 50 years later, in 1992.

But Amazon’s recent acquisition of Whole Foods Market was an abrupt wake-up call, setting off a scramble for supermarkets to adopt new technology to compete for customers who’ve become accustomed to getting exactly what they want, delivered quickly to their doorsteps.

The desire for change in the grocery shopping experience was made apparent last month, when the public got its first glimpse of the Amazon Go store in Seattle. Consider the irony: Designed to eliminate the checkout line, the store has had a line outside its entrance since it opened. And just last week, Amazon announced that it would begin offer-



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Stores are experimenting with apps that allow customers to skip the checkout line.

ing groceries from Whole Foods through its two-hour Prime Now delivery service.

“There is a sense of urgency,” said Laurie Rains, the Boston-based vice president of US

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Romney makes it official, will seek Utah Senate seat

By Matt Viser
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WASHINGTON — Mitt Romney announced Friday that he is returning to politics with a long-expected campaign for Senate in Utah, a bid that, if successful, could ensconce him in a special niche of carpet-bagging history.

While plenty of politicians have executed politically expedient changes of scenery — Hillary Clinton’s move to New York, for instance, or Scott Brown’s relocation to New Hampshire — Romney’s bid could distinguish him as the first politician in 173 years to serve as governor of one state and then US senator in another.

The last one to accomplish the feat? Sam Houston, who was Tennessee governor before his legendary exploits in Texas, where he also won election to the US Senate in 1846.

Romney thus far faces almost no GOP primary opposition in Utah and he is the overwhelming favorite to win the state in the general election. But his laser focus on Utah in a two-minute video announcement revealed how eager the 70-

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